

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Josh Agee and the Tennessee Rush 7<sup>th</sup> grade AAU girls' basketball team.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Rush 7<sup>th</sup> grade AAU girls' basketball team is one such team that enjoyed a stellar season in 2016, compiling an undefeated record in the AAU Division II National Tournament in Kingsport on July 3-8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, proud to represent the State of Tennessee among the twenty-eight teams in competition, the Tennessee Rush soundly defeated the Illinois Lady Lightning, the Georgia Metros, the Alabama Lady Legends, the Murfreesboro Force, Payes Place from California, In the Zone from Pennsylvania, and the Lady Impact from Indiana to complete a 7-0 record in this prestigious national tournament; and

WHEREAS, under the expert guidance and leadership of Head Coach Josh Agee, the members of the Tennessee Rush have learned the true meaning of teamwork, as they won the Division II AAU State Championship in May 2016 and a number of other tournaments throughout the season to compile a record of 37-3; and

WHEREAS, comprised of young women from the Upper Cumberland, the Tennessee Rush includes Kennedy Agee and Kadee Ferrell of DeKalb County; Haylee Johnson and Shelby Beaty of Fentress County; Hailey Cronk of Overton County; Abbi Bilbrey, Chloe Burton, and Bailey Evans of Pickett County; and Kyndal Ludick of Macon County; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, the young women of the Tennessee Rush have maximized their considerable talents and reached the very pinnacle of AAU athletics; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee Rush are exceedingly grateful for the enthusiastic support they received from their families and their communities, without whom none of their triumphs would have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extremely talented and gifted basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the greatest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible an outstanding basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Tennessee Rush 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team for their success on the court and to thank them for serving as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Head Coach Josh Agee and the members of the Tennessee Rush 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team on their undefeated record at the AAU Division II National Tournament in Kingsport and extend to them our best wishes for much continued future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.